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## Bund in Mexican Base To Make Trouble for American Democracies

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Announcement that the Bund, which clearly is directed from nazi headquarters in Germany, has been or is being moved to Mexico, should be no news to those who follow such developments, but it should be illuminating and a bit startling to those who look more than twenty-four hours ahead in international relations.

Unless and until the Cardenas regime, with its heirs and assigns, is rooted out by the Mexican people, it can be taken for granted that the Bund will be a fairly welcome guest south of the Rio Grande.

Here again we find an example of the strange alliance that has bound Communist Russia and Nazi Germany together; for the Mexico of Cardenas has found its inspiration in the doctrines of the far left, peppered with a strong suspicion of and dislike for the United States.

Cardenas does not admit that the destinies of Mexico and the United States are linked by consanguinity; he believes that the farther Mexico can keep from the United States in an economic sense, the better for Mexico.

### Strange Indifference Shown

Just as the rank and file of our own citizenship has displayed an amazing lack of care about the wars in Europe, so it has displayed an amazing lack of care about and understanding of the Mexican situation as it relates to us.

By and large the average American attitude toward Mexico is formed out of a feeling that Mexico is an inferior nation of inferior people, while the average Mexican attitude is based upon a fear of the economic might of the United States and a conviction that the people of the United States are nearly all grabbers, determined to gobble everything in sight, without care for results in terms of human welfare. That stems, of course, from the oil conquests and the land conquests of much earlier days; and from the practice of United States economic conquerors in fomenting rebellions and maintaining private armies, which they certainly did.

### Bund Fomenter of Trouble

The Bund in Mexico is bound to exert all its influence to create new bad feeling toward the United States. That is one reason it has been ordered into Mexico. And while the average American doesn't care a hang, we probably are heading toward a situation which, in the event of war, will bring upon us something much worse than the Zimmerman notes of world war days, which, had it not been for the labor movement, would almost surely have sent American troops into Mexico on an adventure that would have been more costly than our entire participation in the world war, in terms of money and human life. More important, perhaps, than that, we should have built a Latin American hostility that a century could not have erased.

The Bund, going to Mexico, is on no summer or winter outing. It is a serious business, a threat to our whole Latin American good relations program and one which should stir the American

government and the American people to high speed action.

The United States has friends in Mexico—plenty of them—and they know full well what the Bund can mean in their midst, just as they knew what was meant by the agents of Red Russia when, under Madame Kollontay, they established for a time the headquarters of Moscow for America in Mexico City.

### Threat Is Definite

It may well be that again American and Mexican labor, working together, will have another huge international rescue job to do. The capitol for the propaganda of the nazi hatred of American democracy is in Mexico City. No American can afford to forget it; no American trade unionist can afford to ignore this devious but definite threat to freedom.

And C.I.O. encouragement of and friendship to the left wing labor crowd in Mexico City has helped to warm the nest in which the Bunders will now proceed to warm themselves.

## Amendment to Labor Relations Act To Be Aimed at Harry Bridges

Representative John Z. Anderson of California said this week in Washington that he was drafting an amendment to the National Labor Relations Act which would permit employers to refuse to bargain with non-citizens "like Harry Bridges."

He said the proposed amendment would permit an employer to refuse "to bargain collectively with the representative or representatives of his employees if such representative or representatives are not citizens of the United States."

## Coast Teamsters' Head Says Alien Leadership Is Ruinous to Labor

"No intelligent working man believes that communism offers anything but destruction for his wages and working conditions," Dave Beck, West Coast Teamsters' Union leader, declared in a National Defense Week address in Seattle last week.

Beck mentioned no names but took an apparent slap at the International Woodworkers of America, C.I.O., when he appealed for the deportation of "alien agitators" not only from the ranks of labor but from business, industry or "wherever else we find them." He long has been an outspoken foe of Harold Pritchett, Canadian president of the I.W.A.

"Let us have tariff barriers to protect our workmen and let this alien improve working conditions in his own country before he comes here to tell us what to do," Beck asserted. "Labor in America is on the road to ruin if we have to seek alien advice and leadership."

Continuing, he declared: "The communist campaign of hatred is skillfully directed at capitalism, which unquestionably has many faults and weaknesses. But while the communist seeks openly to destroy capital, he works just as hard, but secretly, to destroy labor."

Beck said he spoke first as an American citizen and secondly as an official of the Teamsters' Union.

## Building Service Union Must Govern Itself, Is Ruling of Judge Golden

The hotly contested case involving the affairs of the Building Service Employees' International Union and its San Francisco locals for months was shifted back to the union itself for settlement last week in a precedent-making decision by Superior Judge I. M. Golden.

The order of Judge Golden was replete with significant comments relating to the right of a labor organization to govern itself and discipline its members without interference by the courts. The court held—

(1) That International President George Scalese and Thomas E. Burke, third international vice-president, are disqualified from sitting as members of a trial board for misconduct charges against Charles Hardy, Sr., suspended president of a San Francisco local and an international vice-president.

(2) That Hardy's summary suspension by the international was legal because authorized by the union's constitution.

(3) That Meyer Lewis, Western representative of the A.F.L., is without authority to assume control of the Hardy local during the suspension period, despite a power of attorney from Scalese.

(4) That Hardy should be tried by the union's international executive board, excluding Scalese, Burke and himself.

(5) That Hardy and his two sons, George and Charles, Jr., who were suspended with him, must be tried in San Francisco; that the trial must be open and must start "not later than March 5."

Concerning alleged gangster control of the union by Scalese and Burke, Judge Golden found the evidence insufficient to support the charges.

He disqualified them from participation in the Hardy trial on the ground that each has a special interest in the matter, chiefly because Hardy is accused, among other things, of having circulated disparaging statements about Scalese.

The State Supreme Court late Tuesday last halted the trial of Charles Hardy and his two sons, all officials in San Francisco building service unions, at the end of its first day.

Three vice-presidents of the Building Service Employees' International Union, A.F.L., began hearings Monday into charges that Hardy, himself a vice-president, had misused union funds and conducted a campaign of "vilification" against the international. But after the day's proceedings were over the Supreme Court issued an order requiring the international to show cause why the trial should proceed, setting Friday for arguments.

The Hardys' trial before fellow officials had been ordered by Superior Judge I. M. Golden, February 29, after six weeks of litigation growing out of the Hardys' suit to enjoin the international from suspending them summarily from their union positions.

### NEW LUXURY SHIPS

Two new 35,000-ton luxury liners, capable of transformation into war-time airplane carriers, will be built for the San Francisco-Orient run, according to the U. S. Maritime Commission.



## Unlimited Licenses Are to Be Called In

The "good until revoked" state drivers' licenses held by nearly 1,500,000 California motorists are going to be called in immediately.

Motor Vehicle Director Howard R. Philbrick announced the cancellation plans this week as a highway safety measure and in compliance with 1937 state legislation.

"Good until revoked" permits given out in 1927 will be taken up first, followed by the 1928 and the final 1929 series of this type. Under Philbrick's plans all of the special licenses must be renewed by August, 1941.

The director said the department had checked up on 1500 accident repeaters in San Francisco and Los Angeles last year and found 1194 of the drivers involved had the "good until revoked" licenses. He commented:

"These licenses are from eleven to thirteen years old and far too many of the holders of them are either too old or have physical infirmities which seriously handicap their ability safely to handle a motor vehicle on our highways."

He urged the holders of 1927 licenses to turn them in at once. They may be renewed at any office of the Motor Vehicle Department without charge. Holders of the 1928 and 1929 special licenses will be informed in turn of their renewal periods.

The first of the "good until revoked" permits were issued to approximately 400,000 persons in 1927 and about the same number the next year. In 1929, prior to the time the two-year license law went into effect, more than 1,000,000 of the special permits were issued.

The 1937 Legislature provided for the issuance of four-year licenses to replace the former two-year permits.

### Free Adult Forums

Free evening adult forums for the week beginning Monday, March 11, have been announced by Deputy Superintendent of Schools Robert F. Gray, in charge of adult education, as follows:

At Visitation Valley Community Center, 66 Raymond street, on Monday evening, Dr. Ernest Wolff, chief of pediatrics at Mt. Zion Hospital, will speak on the topic, "Child Guidance and the Family."

On Tuesday evening "Community Organization

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and How It Works on Potrero Hill" will be the subject discussed by Miss Amelia Anderson, executive director Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, at James Lick Junior High School, Twenty-fifth and Noe streets.

"The Census in Operation" is the subject scheduled to be discussed at Glen Park School, Brompton avenue and Bosworth street, on Wednesday evening, by Frank M. Snook, assistant area manager, United States Department of Commerce, bureau of census. Sample questionnaires will complete the program.

At the Little Theater of Balboa High School, Onondaga and Cayuga avenues, on Wednesday evening, "The Coming Census" will be discussed. The speaker will be a representative of the United States Bureau of Census.

"Salvaging Old Age" is the topic scheduled for Sherman School, Union and Franklin streets, on Thursday evening. The speaker will be Mrs. Leslie Conner Williams, representing Dr. Lillian Martin of the Old Age Center.

Two speakers, George L. Thompson, vice-president Bear Photo Service, and Joseph Allendorf, technician, Eastman Kodak Company, will share the topic, "Romantic History of Stills, Movies and Candid Camera Snapshots," scheduled for Friday evening, March 15, at Marina Junior High School, Fillmore and Chestnut streets. Slides, colored films and camera displays will be used to illustrate the talk.

Forums are open to the public and begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

### Railroad Unions Indorse Senators For Renomination at Primaries

The Railway Labor Executives' Association has indorsed twenty-two members of the Senate for renomination in the forthcoming spring primary elections. The association is composed of officials of twenty of the twenty-one labor organizations. Senators indorsed were:

Ashurst of Arizona, Maloney of Connecticut, Slattery of Illinois, Minton of Indiana, Radcliffe of Maryland, Walsh of Massachusetts, Bilbo of Mississippi, Truman of Missouri, Wheeler of Montana, Pittman of Nevada, Chavez of New Mexico, Mead of New York, Donahey of Ohio, McKellar of Tennessee, Connally of Texas, Schwellenbach of Washington, O'Mahoney of Wyoming, all Democrats; Johnson of California, Vandenberg of Michigan, Frazier of North Dakota, Republicans; Shipstead, Farm-Laborite, of Minnesota, and La Follette, Progressive, of Wisconsin.

The organization declared opposition to Senator Burke of Nebraska. Burke's opponent, Governor R. L. Cochran, was indorsed instead, with a notation that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers did not participate because it was not prepared to act at this time.

## Women and Children Return to Their Homes

The following article regarding the return of evacuated children and mothers from their billets in the country to London was published in the January 26 issue of the London "Daily Herald":

"Of 1,161,365 mothers and children who were evacuated to the safety zones at the end of August, 684,254 are back again in their own homes.

"That is equal to 59 per cent of the total figure. This was revealed by Mr. Elliot, minister of health in the House of Commons yesterday.

"He said that 734,883 unaccompanied children were evacuated and 315,182 have returned, equal to 43 per cent; 260,276 accompanied children were evacuated and 223,381 have returned, equal to 85 per cent; 166,206 mothers were evacuated and 145,681 have returned, equal to 87 per cent.

"Only 456,586 children and 20,525 mothers are still in their billets.

Since the middle of December almost 150,000 people have returned to their homes.

"In some of the villages to which hundreds of children were evacuated only a few dozen are left.

"All the children have returned from a number of others."

### BIG CANDY FIRM SIGNS WITH UNION

Candy and Confectionery Workers' Union Local 452, Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union, New York, has just renewed a three-year contract covering 1400 workers in the New York plant of the Loft Candy Company, one of the nation's biggest candy manufacturers and retailers. The contract provides for pay increases, holidays and vacations with pay, time and one-half for overtime and free uniforms.

### Senator Doubts United States Has Reported Kentucky Gold Hoard

Senator Tobey of New Hampshire has suggested that the Senate check up to see whether the government really has the huge hoard of gold and silver reported to be buried at Fort Knox, Ky., and in other depositories.

He told the Senate that there had been no "verification or physical inspection" by the general accounting office of the holdings reported by the Treasury, and proposed in a resolution that a committee of five senators investigate the present method of auditing Treasury reports.

### Time Works Wonders

In 1891 printers employed in the shop of Rufus H. Darby & Co., Inc., Washington, D. C., went on strike because the employer refused to agree to a nine-hour day instead of the ten-hour day, which prevailed at that time.

This plant, now operated by the heirs of the original owner, is again in contractual relations with printing trade unions, after forty-nine years of non-union experience. Officials of both the unions and the management are much pleased with the settlement.

John B. Dickman, Sr., was chairman of Columbia Typographical Union's strike committee in 1891, and is now chairman of the organization committee, which effected the settlement.

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## Date of Eclipse to Determine Claims of Eskimos for Pensions

'Way up above the Arctic Circle when the mid-night sun goes dark it's quite an event. It's so auspicious, in fact, that Eskimos at Noorvik are still basing their time system on an eclipse which occurred in 1869—for the modern innovation of old-age pensions, says the "Alaska Weekly."

A telegram from Belbert L. Swenson, Noorvik government teacher, to the office of Indian affairs in Juneau, requests "information as to the date of an eclipse of the sun affecting this vicinity, an eclipse near enough total so that the stars shone in the daytime."

### New Reason

The condition which made the date of the eclipse important enough to be worth sending telegrams the length of Alaska is one comparatively new to the North. Swenson said he had to know to determine the ages of Eskimo old-age assistance applicants. They couldn't get their pensions unless they could find out when the sun went black. That was the event from which they dated time.

The eclipse occurred on August 7, 1869, it was discovered by Charles W. Hawkesworth, assistant to the general superintendent of the office of Indian affairs. He remembered having read about the eclipse and found a reference to it in "Alaska, Its Southern Coast," by Ruhamah Scidmore, a book published in 1885.

### Bit of History

Professor Davidson of the Coast Survey, for whom Davidson Glacier near Skagway was named, came to Alaska to observe the eclipse. His observatory was set up at Klukwan. It is related that after he foretold the eclipse, and the event occurred as he said it would, Chief Kloh-Klut offered "his canoes, blankets and wives to the astronomer if he would tell how he did it."

A little known fact is that Secretary Seward, who purchased Alaska, was in the territory at the time of the eclipse. He was on the Chilkat River the day the sun went dark.

### TEXAS FISHERMEN STRIKE

Three hundred and fifty fishermen went on strike at Port Isabel, Texas, after negotiations between fish dealers and representatives of the fishermen's union broke down. The union asked a contract providing for preferential hiring and collective bargaining.

### ANTIDOTE FOR UNREST

Speaking at the National Public Housing Conference in Washington, Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas said: "Bad housing breeds discontent and unrest—providing fertile ground for the propaganda of foreign dictators and their theories of government." He added that, on the other hand, "good housing is the foundation of stability and contentment. It is one of the best ways to combat radicalism."

## Public Forum

"Can narcotic addiction be cured and narcotic peddling be stopped?" is to be the subject of a discussion by Judge Twain Michelsen and L. Raymond Holmes at the Down-Town Forum, held in the auditorium of the First Congregational-Methodist Temple, Post and Mason streets, at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, March 12. Admission is free.

Judge Michelsen, who has been judge of the San Francisco municipal court for the past six years, previously served over a long period of time as probationary officer. He has made an extensive study of the narcotic problem and is con-

sidered a national authority on the subject. He has written articles on the subject for magazines over a period of years.

Holmes is assistant to Paul Madden, chief of the division of narcotic enforcement for the State of California. He has been an attorney in San Francisco since 1920. His many duties include the preparation of narcotic cases for trial. He is well qualified to present a discussion on the narcotic question.

Following the presentation from the platform, questions will be permitted from the audience.

### CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS

Five leading crops in California in 1939 were, in the order of their importance, citrus fruits, hay, grapes, cotton and lettuce.

### DRIVING ON TRACKS

Driving an automobile along street car tracks, dangerous in wet weather, is not good practice even in dry weather, according to the Emergency Road Service of the California State Automobile Association. Many punctures are caused by small pieces of steel picked up from the rails, particularly where tracks cross.

### ANOTHER RECORD BROKEN

Tourist travel to California by automobile broke all records in 1939, when a total of 527,088 cars brought approximately 1,486,300 visitors to the state.

## Half Million Yearly Pay Raise for Clerks

Grocery Clerks' Union, Local 1248, Retail Clerks' International Protective Association, American Federation of Labor, and the Independent Retail Stores' Association of Chicago have signed an agreement providing for pay increases totaling approximately \$500,000 a year.

The contract is for the union shop, boosts the wages of each clerk \$1 a week, sets a new weekly minimum for beginners of \$21 for men, \$19 for women, and provides for one week's vacation with pay after one year of service, two weeks' after three years. Store managers are to receive \$5 more per week than the clerks who serve under them.

Provision is also made for the arbitration of any dispute, not otherwise settled within fifteen days after it begins.

The local union was represented by Max Caldwell, organizer for the international union; the stores, by Leo Gorsky, executive secretary of the association. Signing of the agreement marks the beginning of the third year of contractual relations between the union and the association.

## Death of Mrs. Powderly Brings Back Memories

Mrs. Emma Powderly, 84, widow of Terence Vincent Powderly, famous pioneer labor leader, died at her home in Washington on February 24 after an illness of several months.

Powderly, who played an important part in the organization of the old Knights of Labor and headed it from 1879 to 1893, was commissioner general of immigration in the administration of President McKinley. He later held several legal posts in the Department of Labor until his death in 1924.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Powderly were natives of Carbondale, a mining town in the heart of the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania.

They first went to Washington in 1897, the year President McKinley appointed Powderly commissioner general of immigration. Their home was long the hub of local and national labor gatherings. Among the friends and associates of the Powderlys was "Mother" Jones, courageous friend of mill hand and miner during the turbulent early days of labor organizing, who lived at the Powderly home many years.

### MOLDERS TO MEET THIS YEAR

Members of the International Molders' Union have voted to hold a convention this year, says a dispatch from Cincinnati. The last convention was in 1934. How to improve the conditions of the foundry workers and how to provide better benefits for non-journeymen will be two chief topics before the convention this year.

### TUBERCULAR CATTLE

The amount of meat condemned in 1939 on account of tuberculosis in California establishments operating under state inspection was less than half of that condemned in 1938.

### Literary Note

Oswald Garrison Villard, back from a visit to Germany, reports that A. Hitler's "Mein Kampf" has been withdrawn from circulation by public libraries "until a new edition, with all the scurrilous references to Russia and the bolsheviks withdrawn, is published. This may explain why Hitler has been too busy to make many speeches lately. It also may explain the Berlin announcement that vest-pocket copies of "Mein Kampf" are to be issued to all German soldiers. When Hitler finished the monumental task of cutting out all the scurrilous references to Russia he probably found that his book was down to vest-pocket size.—Washington, D. C., "Daily News."

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## San Francisco Employers' Council

Because the San Francisco Employers' Council, which has just issued its first annual report, has been looked upon by union members with apprehension as the successor to the Industrial Association of San Francisco, that report may be of interest to the unions as well as to the 1628 employers, 887 of whom "hold membership directly in the Council, and 741 through membership in industry associations" affiliated with the organizations, the Labor Clarion has assumed that information relative to its activities and its objects will tend to clarify the atmosphere in industrial San Francisco.

With that purpose in view there are herein presented excerpts from the report.

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The report, which was presented by President Almon E. Roth at the annual meeting of the Council on February 13, 1940, gives a list of the employers' associations affiliated with the council and gives the information that "the Industrial Association of San Francisco has been fully liquidated." It continues:

"During its first year of operation the council served a total of 1637 individual San Francisco concerns, employing 56,585 persons, in matters affecting their labor relations. It has also acted as a consultant for employer groups in a number of cities, many of which have patterned their program and activities after those of this council. . . .

"Both the employers and the unions in this city are extending the function of research in connection with negotiations and arbitrations. More than 900 employers and employer groups have availed themselves of the services of the council's research department since its establishment. This is an encouraging sign, for many differences quickly dissolve when the factual rather than the emotional approach to labor relations problems is followed.

"During the year we had, as defined by the United States Department of Labor, a total of thirty-nine strikes in San Francisco. It is significant to note that for the same period Los Angeles had seventy strikes, according to an official report by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Los Angeles.

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"Of the thirty-nine strikes called in San Francisco, twelve were confined to the waterfront, leaving a net of twenty-seven strikes in which up-town industry and business were involved. In only three instances did strikes occur after the council had undertaken negotiation of contracts or the settlement of disputes.

"It is cheering to note also that since January 1, 1940, there have been only three strikes called in San Francisco, one of them lasting a week and another only one day. There is at present only

one strike, involving forty-four employees, now in progress in this city and none against any member of our council.

"However, it should not be assumed too readily that the number of strikes occurring in any city during any period of time is necessarily an accurate criterion of that city's progress in industrial relations. It is obvious that San Francisco would have had no strikes if employers had acceded to all the demands of unions. Supine compliance with all of labor's demands would eventually increase costs of production to a point where industry could not survive. Many responsible labor leaders recognize this fact. The willingness of employers to resist rather than yield to unreasonable demands or unfair working rules may, therefore, indicate a sounder progress in labor relations than the avoidance of strikes by yielding to such unreasonable demands.

"It is noteworthy that the last four serious strikes in this city were lost by the unions because they involved unreasonable demands which were not essential to the welfare of individual union members, but which did threaten principles of great concern to management.

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"The resistance of the above employers, with the support of the San Francisco Employers' Council acting on behalf of more than 1600 other employers who had a stake in the principles involved in these strikes, will in the long run contribute more to sound labor relations than the avoidance of these strikes by capitulation would have saved. Each of these strikes proved the need and value of city-wide co-operation of employers through the Employers' Council. The loss of these strikes by the unions has already had a tempering influence upon the demands and tactics of labor leaders. Some maritime labor leaders have recently taken the defensive and for the first time are talking about holding their position rather than making new advances.

"Because wages, hours and working conditions in San Francisco are, generally speaking, high and favorable to labor, certain labor leaders are finding it difficult to justify their leadership and their direct action tactics. Labor leaders whose philosophy is based upon class hatred and the absence of community interest between employers and employees must of necessity have some bugbear with which to frighten their followers. It is not surprising, therefore, that certain C.I.O. leaders and publicists have raised the shop-worn cry of 'union busting' by the Employers' Council.

"The charge that the San Francisco Employers' Council is engaged in 'union busting' activities is sheer nonsense. An organization which peacefully negotiates 106 contracts and has amicably adjusted a grand total of 160 disputes in one year is not 'union busting.' The fact that the council supported employers in their resistance to unreasonable demands involved in recent strikes does not by the wildest stretch of imagination constitute 'union busting.'

"Neither has resistance nor opposition to unnecessary closed shop demands by various employer groups constituted 'union busting' or even indicated that San Francisco employers are making a drive against the unions of this city.

"Since the primary objective of the San Francisco Employers' Council is the establishment and maintenance of the industrial stability which this city so sorely needs, we should like to point out certain factors in our present situation which indicate that we are making long-time progress toward this goal.

"Public Attitude: Lately, as a result of the editorial policy of our metropolitan press and many country papers, the public has been aroused to the need for industrial stability in this city. The press has been most helpful in stressing the necessity for sanctity of contracts and the substitution

of negotiation and conciliation for direct action in labor relations.

"Co-operation With Unions: There are many indications that responsible labor leaders in San Francisco are not only aware of the necessity for promoting industrial stability in this city in the interest of both employers and employees, but are also willing to co-operate with the Employers' Council toward this end.

Self-imposed restrictions by the San Francisco Labor Council upon the use of picket lines and the calling of strikes have been most effective in preventing ill-advised strikes and promoting the settlement of disputes through conciliatory methods. The by-laws of the San Francisco Labor Council provide that no strike will be supported unless it is first approved by the Labor Council. Before strikes are approved they are carefully investigated, and in many cases referred to the executive committee of the Labor Council or to special committees of that body with a view to adjustment. This practice has been followed by the Labor Council for some time, but it is doubtful whether the public has appreciated its value of promoting peaceful employment relations.

"Recently the San Francisco Labor Council in a number of instances has gone farther and has requested applicants for strike sanction to take their disputes up with the Employers' Council as the representative of employers before action by the Labor Council. The Employers' Council has adopted a similar policy and insists that its members engage in no lockout until the Council has had opportunity to refer the matter to union officials for adjustment. The practical result is that the unions and the employers have voluntarily established a waiting period similar to that required by law in the State of Minnesota. In many instances complaints and disputes which might otherwise have resulted in ill-advised strikes have been adjusted through the joint efforts of the San Francisco Labor Council and the San Francisco Employers' Council as a result of this constructive policy and procedure.

"Informal conciliation between the San Francisco Employers' Council and the city-wide councils of the A.F.L. and the C.I.O. respectively is fast becoming one of the most important functions in these organizations and is, without question, the prime factor in developing the mutual confidence and understanding which are so essential to improved industrial relations in this city.

"It is important not to lose our perspective in appraising San Francisco's present situation. The vast majority of the 225 unions in this city are enjoying peaceful relations with employers.

"National Trends Helpful: A most promising development is the announced intention of both the C.I.O. and the A.F.L. to purge union labor ranks of communists.

"President Green has made a statement in which he said:

"We don't want to be represented by communists in collective bargaining. . . . Our unions must protect their membership from communists and deny any communist election or appointment to any representative position or capacity."

An 18-year-old Italian inventor is reported to have made an automobile capable of traveling 137 miles on one gallon of gasoline and with a top speed of thirty-seven miles an hour. The auto is a two-seater, weighing only 280 pounds. It can easily be put in motion by a system of pedals, for use if gasoline runs out.

"Excessive speed remains at the top of the list as the greatest single cause of automobile deaths," the Travelers' Insurance Company says in its latest book of street and highway accident data.

A year-long soil survey has been started in Sacramento County by experts of the United States Department of Agriculture.



## Facing the Facts

With PHILIP PEARL

They say all the good things in life are free. That goes for publicity, too. We could write reams about the fallacies, the hypocrisy and the sinister aspects of the C.I.O. and not do half so good a job as John L. Lewis does for us unconsciously every time he opens his mouth to make a speech or issue a statement. We ought to put him on our payroll.

The trouble is that once we started anything like that we would have too many candidates. And, besides, we couldn't afford it. But we do appreciate the efforts of those who are effectively doing our job for us these days. And so we are going to turn over the column to them this week.

First we want to quote from the statements made at a meeting of shop chairmen of Local 25 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (C.I.O.) in New York City, as reported in the New York "Times" of February 8. Mind you, this is the union headed by Sidney Hillman, vice-president of the C.I.O. The meeting was held following Lewis's open attacks on President Roosevelt and indignation ran high. Jacob Berkowitz, a member of the local, said:

"The president of the C.I.O. is now playing in the same orchestra with the communists and the nazis."

### When the Worm Turns

Strong words from a C.I.O. member? But listen to what Benjamin Fleishfarber, a member of the local's executive board, said:

"Fritz Kuhn is in jail, Earl Browder has been sentenced to a prison term, and the only one left to carry on communist propaganda in this country is John L. Lewis."

If this weren't enough, Joseph Goodman, another executive board member in this C.I.O. union, followed it up by declaring the members of the United Mine Workers would be "happy" if Lewis resigned as their president. Apparently, the speaker realized the miners couldn't get rid of Lewis any other way.

Now we turn to the "Nation," issue of February 24, and we find an article by Kenneth G. Crawford, new president of the American Newspaper Guild (C.I.O.), taking Lewis to task for his speech at the American Youth Congress. Crawford says:

"His (Lewis's) position on the Finnish question has made him a figure around whom the forces of the extreme left, badly demoralized by Russian collaboration with Germany in Poland and by the subsequent Russian invasion of Finland, can rally."

The cream of the crop, however, is an article by Benjamin Stolberg, former C.I.O. sympathizer, in the current issue of the "American Mercury." Stolberg says:

"Today Lewis has only one policy—no peace at any price! For almost a year he has kept all peace negotiations with the A.F.L. suspended, and in his own inner circles he has vetoed, almost hysterically, every possible move towards unity."

### The Stalin-Hitler-Lewis Pact

"His seemingly senseless attacks on the President in January at the Golden Jubilee convention of the miners, his desperate sabotage of the A.F.L. in trying to organize dual unions even in the well-organized building industry, the ever-tightening centralization of power in his own hands, the close approximation of his program to that of the Communist party even after Stalin's attack on Finland—everything he does is determined by his obsession that there must be no unity in the labor movement."

"The fact is that Lewis, who is neither a communist nor a fellow-traveler, needs the Stalinists to prevent peace in the labor movement. Though he does not 'follow' the party line, he 'parallels' it. The new 'radicalism' and isolationism of the

Stalinists is of course motivated entirely by the military necessities of the soviet-nazi allies. But the communist program is also Lewis's program, though his motives are simply to prevent peace with the A.F.L. and to keep power over the C.I.O. It could be shown that almost every issue he raises has been raised the same way in the 'Daily Worker.' At no time has Lewis indicted the Stalin-Hitler alliance; he has kept mum about the attack on Finland. Today he is the hero of the Communist party. In the C.I.O. the communists mask their activities behind Lewis's hostility to the administration."

"The fact is that Lewis cannot get rid of the communists in the C.I.O., for they permeate its entire structure. And he wouldn't if he could because they are his main aids in preventing a united labor movement. But the labor war which he and the communists are deepening impairs the strength of organized labor at the time when it most needs strength and unity."

(A.F.L. Weekly News Service)

### EMPLOYMENT AND LIVING COSTS

Employment in January, 1940, was approximately 1,100,000 greater than in January, 1939, but it was 1,160,000 less than in December, 1939, Secretary of Labor Perkins reported this week. Seasonal declines were responsible for the decrease over the month's period, according to the regular survey of the United States Department of Labor. Living costs for families of wage earners and lower-salaried workers in thirty-two large cities fell by six-tenths of 1 per cent between September 15 and December 15, 1939, Secretary Perkins also reported. These figures were based upon a study just completed.

### COMMUNITY CHEST CLINIC

The Community Chest out-patient clinic building, on the grounds of St. Luke's Hospital, at Twenty-seventh and Valencia streets, has a long history. It was once a vinegar factory, then a molasses factory, and later the library of Hubert Howe Bancroft, California's noted historian. Today 1650 men, women and children make free or part-pay visits each month to the clinic for medical care provided by the Community Chest.

## Unemployment Insurance

By JOHN F. CHAMBERS, Labor Representative  
California Employment Commission

Workers accumulating benefit rights in California and later moving to other states may file a claim for unemployment insurance in the state in which they are residing under the "interstate benefit plan."

Under this plan the resident state acts as the agent in accepting such claims against the state in which the worker has established benefit rights. Claimants must meet the minimum requirements of the liable state to file for benefits.

Commuters and migratory workers are not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits under the interstate plan.

The "interstate benefit payment plan" permits payment of partial claims upon agreement between specific states to honor low wage earners' applications. This provision allows regularly employed workers, whose salaries have been reduced, to file for partial benefits.

California has paid over \$1,000,000 to its former workers now residing in other states, establishing this state as first in the nation in the volume of out-of-state claims handled.

Thousands of claims have been received against the Territory of Alaska. These are filed mainly by fishermen and miners, who have accumulated benefit rights in Alaska during the summer but reside in the states during the winter months.

Claims are not accepted, however, against Alaska except during seasons when the usual employment for the individual exists, which precludes filing for unemployment insurance during periods of normal inactivity for a particular industry.

## Comment on World Events

(L. L. N. S.)

With the Scandinavian countries much in the news these days, activities of their labor movements are of special interest. Reports received by the International Federation of Trade Unions from Denmark, Sweden and Norway show that labor in these nations is bending all its energies to prevent profiteering and protect workers from hardships resulting from the war, as far as possible.

Trade unions in the Scandinavian countries, the I.F.T.U. says, are aware that the war means great sacrifices and burdens of all kinds for the neutral Scandinavian countries also, and that it will not be possible to carry on life in the accustomed manner. The trade unions' aim is to make all the burdens arising from the war as bearable as possible for the working people.

The close ties between the trade unions and the Social-Democratic parties, which have an important place in the governments of the three countries, have insured a certain voice in affairs to the unions, which provides a guarantee that the demands of the workers will be given as much consideration as the circumstances allow.

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In all three countries legislative and other action has been taken by the government to protect industry and the population from the worse effects of the crisis. To this end special government committees have been set up for different sections of industry, with the task of keeping industry going, insuring the supply of raw materials, examining and maintaining employment possibilities and supervising prices.

The trade unions are represented on all these committees but their work is not confined to this field. They are actively engaged in trying to bring about equilibrium between wages and the rapidly rising prices.

In Sweden the end of the year is the time for giving notice of termination of collective agreements, which cover about 425,000 workers, and which came into force on January 1 or February 1, 1938. On September 6 last the Swedish National Trade Union Center held a conference of trade union executives to consider the whole situation and decide on the policy to be pursued regarding collective agreements. This conference took the view that care should be taken when the new agreements were concluded in order to assure the purchasing power of wages to the greatest possible degree, either through limiting the life of the agreement or by tying wages to the cost of living index.

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In Denmark, where most agreements would have expired on March 1, 1940, action has been taken to prolong them to March 1, 1941, while at the same time a guarantee has been given that wages will be kept in line with the official cost of living index.

In Norway, collective agreements expire on April 1, 1940. Negotiations have taken place with the employers' organizations and demands have been put forward on the workers' side for wage increases to meet the rise in the cost of living; negotiations are now taking place in the separate industries.

At the end of last September a conference was held in Gothenburg (Sweden) of the presidents of the national labor organizations of Denmark, Norway and Sweden to consider the collective agreements situation and the general position of the trade unions. It was stated at that time that the trade unions of all three countries were prepared to use all their force and influence in order to defend as effectively as possible the interests of the workers in this time of emergency.

Unemployed in Fresno, Kings, Kern, Madera and Tulare counties received surplus foods valued at \$721,243 during 1939.



## Millions Go to Idle Chrysler Employees

As a result of a ruling rendered by Referee Charles Rubinoff, to whom was appealed an adverse decision of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, about 27,000 Chrysler Corporation employees in Detroit, made idle during a long strike last fall, will receive almost \$3,000,000. This will affect most of the auto workers who were out of their jobs for almost two months during the strike in the Chrysler and associated plants.

It is possible that the case may be carried to the Board of Appeals.

The ruling of the referee appears in the light of a compromise, distinguishing between those who did the actual striking (and who have been disqualified from unemployment compensation benefits), and those workers who were "rendered idle" as a result of the strike in which they did not personally and officially participate. Disqualified workers, as segregated by Referee Rubinoff, total 23,000, who were held primarily responsible for the resulting unemployment.

In detail, the referee rehearses the Michigan state law governing the case at issue. This states that mere membership in a union and paying dues thereto does not constitute participation in a dispute involving stoppage of work. Obvious and recorded personal action is necessary, is the implication of the statute. On this ground the disqualified workers will not be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.—Worcester, Mass., "Labor News."

## Cooks' Union News

By C. W. PILGRIM

Due to Thursday, February 29, being the fifth Thursday of the month, there was no meeting of Local 44 on that day, therefore no business to report. We draw to the attention of all organized workers the Manning Coffee Company, and we ask that you have no dealings with this firm until we can induce them to sit down with our Joint Board organizer and do business. For a long time past our unions have been tolerant towards this Manning firm, hoping to be able to show them that we were willing to meet them in a friendly spirit, but all that we have got for our tolerant attitude has been the same old run-around that we always get from the bosses when we try to

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The Associated Rascals of all shades are on the job and they have started another initiative movement all over California, the object being to put on the ballot at the next election a law to hamstring the labor unions. Don't sign any petitions of any kind unless you know that they have been indorsed by your union. These Associated Bosses made up their minds a long time ago that they could sweat much more out of the blood and bones of the workers if they could break up their labor organizations. They don't understand that what makes the workers persist in fighting to maintain their unions is the merciless exploitation to which they are subjected by these same bosses; that what caused the unions to be organized in the first place was the fact that the workers were forced to find ways and means to defend themselves against the greed of their employers. These Associated Rascals are organized for the sole purpose of crushing the workers and rubbing their faces into the mud, yet they are surprised when the workers fight back. Their idea is that labor should take what they choose to give and be thankful that it is not less. Our idea is that we are entitled to a decent standard of living and we intend to get it, even though we have to build unions and then fight to maintain them. Don't put weapons in the hands of your bosses; don't sign any of their initiative petitions.

## NAPA COUNTY FAIR AND HORSE SHOW

With California's fairs and fiestas season under way the Napa County Fair and Horse Show announces appointment of Harrison Cutler as manager and the Plumas County Fair has named William P. Cowan as secretary-manager.

## Why Amend Wagner Act?

"Why Amend the Wagner Act?" will be the subject of discussion at the Miscellaneous Employees' Union open forum. The educational committee has invited Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor; Herman Stuyvelar of the C.I.O., and a representative of the San Francisco "Chronicle," thus presenting a cross section of opinion on this burning issue.

The forum will be held in the Miscellaneous Union hall, 83 Sixth street, at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, March 12. Admission is free.

## Longshoremen Strike in Eight Southern Ports

Longshoremen in the coastwise shipping trade went on strike at midnight February 24 in eight southeastern ports when their demand for a wage increase was refused, says a Jacksonville, Fla., report.

Leaders of the local union explained that longshoremen who work on coastwise ships are asking a pay increase of 10 cents an hour, so their pay will be in line with that received by longshoremen who load and unload deep sea vessels.

About eight thousand union longshoremen in Wilmington, N. C.; Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Fort Pierce, Port Everglades, Miami and Tampa were involved in the strike.

Several steamship lines canceled sailings from New York and one put an embargo on cargo moving out of the port.

The strikers are members of the International Longshoremen's Association, American Federation of Labor affiliate.

## UNION LABEL FEATURED IN ADS

Letters received by the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, Louisville, Ky., from members of organized labor show that they are pleased with the way the company is featuring the union label in its advertisements of Raleigh cigarettes and other B. & W. tobacco products. Prominence given the use of the union label in B. & W. advertising is believed of marked value to union label products in general, a fact that has been noted by union members and mentioned in their letters to the company. Current B. & W. advertising for Raleigh cigarettes features the words "union-made" in large letters at the top.

## 35 Plans Are Found Successful In Regularizing Employment

A pamphlet analyzing thirty-five plans of stabilizing industrial employment in the fields of production, distribution, personnel and management has been issued by the National Association of Manufacturers.

A. W. Hawkes, chairman of the association's employment relations committee, said in a foreword to the report that attempts to "regularize" employment had achieved a "marked degree of success" in many concerns. He expressed the hope that other companies would find the report of help in attaining greater employment stability and employee protection.

Among the benefits accruing to employers through employment regularization the committee listed increased plant efficiency, greater use of plant and equipment, lower production and labor costs, avoidance of overtime penalties during peak periods, elimination of expenses incidental to the examination and training of new employees, increased versatility and flexibility of employees.

The committee said that many companies were handicapped in their endeavors to keep employment stable by such factors as style changes, seasonal fluctuations, dependence on conditions in other markets or industries, limited capital or lack of warehouse facilities for storing advance inventories.

The report contained sixty-eight "case histories" to illustrate the techniques used by individual companies to overcome some of these conditions and to put employment on a stable basis.

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## Half Billion New Loans Made by State Banks

That banks in California are actively serving the credit needs of their communities is evidenced by the results of a survey of bank lending activity announced by the American Bankers' Association, indicating that the commercial banks of the state made more than 510,000 new loans, totaling \$60,000,000, to business firms and individuals during the first six months of 1939, and renewed 160,000 outstanding loans, totaling \$500,000,000, during the same period.

The survey also reveals that business firms in the state are using less than one-third of the "open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of the banks.

These figures are based on reports received from 104 banks in California holding membership in the A.B.A., or 46 per cent of the 224 commercial banks in the state, and make allowance for the concentration of lending activity in the metropolitan areas of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The 104 banks reported that they made 468,548 new loans, totaling \$613,274,874 between January 1 and June 30, 1939, and renewed 145,935 outstanding loans, totaling \$475,937,078. In addition, they reported 34,097 new mortgage loans to home owners and other real estate owners, totaling \$125,169,919.

The average number of new loans per bank was 4505, and the average new loan was for \$1309.

The average number of renewals per bank was 1403, and the average renewal was for \$3261.

The average number of new mortgages per bank was 328, and the average mortgage was for \$3671.

In addition to making loans on individual applications, the banks of the larger cities maintain what are known as "open lines of credit" on their books, available at all times to regular business borrowers. Eighteen banks reported such open lines of credit totaling \$181,381,900. However, only \$57,045,076, or 31 per cent of this credit, was being used by business firms on June 30.

## Communists and the C. C. C.

L. L. N. S.

The American Youth Congress has surely stirred up a hornet's nest of controversy.

These active youngsters cannot see why they should fall for the "united front" propaganda of the communist youth rabble, which obeys Moscow as a trained seal obeys he who holds the fish in hand.

Such a generosity of viewpoint may have its merits, but they are like the merits of a man who would rather be stuck in the back by a friend than by a foe.

There is a tendency to forget that the Constitution guarantees free speech, but it does not guarantee the right to destroy our freedom under the guise of free speech.

The reds have been eminently successful in turning the piety of patriotism into the hokum of revolution—and some of our well-placed Americans fall too easily for the shot in the arm.

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Latest spectacle in the red circus is the attack on Aubrey Williams because he had the good sense to furnish to C.C.C. and N.Y.A. young men information, for which they asked, about enlistment opportunities in the army.

They jumped all over this splendid administrator because he acted like an American instead of like a dope victim hopped up by "red" propaganda.

The United States maintains an army, of which most Americans are rather proud, but the young rascals of revolution charge Williams with moving toward militarization of the C.C.C. because

he told some young men what the army offered, in response to their questions.

Nobody wants the C.C.C. made into a military machine and there doesn't seem to be any danger of it. Aubrey Williams probably would lead in opposing such a move.

But the "reds," young and old, have to have some issue about which to belabor American officials and institutions. To make trouble is their main job. Let's not forget that. To fall for their schemes is the main weakness of some otherwise splendid Americans.

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Williams says, quite properly, that he believes every American is entitled "to have information with respect to enlistment in its armed forces," and that is most surely the case.

Communist Russia and its agents in the United States don't want the American people to like their army or their navy and they don't want either branch to grow any stronger. Soviet espionage has long had one long arm out in a desperate effort to create havoc in the United States army and navy.

The young men and women who are playing into the hands of this propaganda, wittingly or unwittingly, are playing with fire—and the fire may have to get pretty hot before long.

The wars in Europe surely aren't getting any farther away from us, and our need of sound fighting strength isn't getting any less.

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These discussions usually are in lightsome vein, so that there may be some island upon which the sun shines with some degree of warmth.

But such didoes as those of the Communist Youth crowd in our midst raise a temperature under the collar. If it weren't so serious it would be smart aleck. Smart aleck stuff can be condoned because it passes with the years.

But this is an example of a foreign agent, bent upon the expansion of dictatorship and the destruction of democracy, using the young people of our nation for the furtherance of its evil and warlike designs.

The fact is that communist Russia has from the first actually been at war in a very real sense with every democracy, including, above all others, our own.

If we let them get away with it, then we are saps beyond description, gullible beyond belief.

Are we?

## SALINAS HAS AMBITION

Salinas is campaigning to establish Camp Ord, on Monterey Bay, as a permanent army cantonment.

## Irish Farm Subsidies

Farmers in Northern Ireland are evidently carried away with the necessity of a farm subsidy similar to the ones which operate in the United States and other countries.

Recently the Irish ministry of agriculture granted a subsidy of two pounds per acre for grass lands ploughed up and planted to approved crops, such as wheat, oats, and sugar beets. Now the ministry of agriculture has extended the subsidy to flax. It was explained that the output of the linen industry is largely absorbed by government orders in connection with the war against Hitler's German government.



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## Alabama Picketing Law Assailed by A. F. of L.

James P. Mayfield, counsel for the American Federation of Labor, told the Supreme Court last week the Alabama Legislature apparently took the position "there is no such thing as peaceful picketing" when it passed a law against picketing for the purpose of "interfering with or injuring" a business.

The A.F.L. asked the court to declare the statute unconstitutional on the ground it deprives union members of rights of free speech and assembly.

The Alabama case is the first of two tests of state anti-picketing laws.

## DARCY DISLIKES CALIFORNIA

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia has denied a petition by Samuel Adams Darcy, state secretary of the Communist party, for postponement of a hearing on his appeal from a lower court order for his extradition to California.

## DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPLANE

Aircraft designers now say that airplanes with possible top speeds of 600 miles per hour may be developed by 1945.

## University of California Will

### Again Exhibit at Golden Gate Fair

The \$250,000 exhibit of the University of California at the Golden Gate International Exposition, which drew more than 5,000,000 of the 10,500,000 visitors to Treasure Island in 1939, and attracted outstanding scientists from all parts of the world, is to be continued as one of the features of the Exposition in 1940. As in 1939, the university exhibit will be among those sponsored by the California commission for the exposition, the organization set up by the California state government to handle its interests on Treasure Island.

The announcement of the participation of the university in the 1940 Fair is made by Dr. T. Harper Goodspeed, professor of botany, and chairman of the university's committee on co-operation with the Exposition.

All displays in the university's exhibit will be seen again. The science exhibit and the agricultural exhibit are being made ready for the opening on May 25. The exhibit structures, with their decorative backgrounds, have remained intact, and all that remains to be done is a general renovation and the installation of the exhibit specimens. "Science in the Service of Man" will continue to be the motto for the display in the Hall of Science, and refinements and improvements will be made to add further weight to this motto in the eyes and minds of the spectators.

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## Run o' the Hook

By FRED E. HOLDERBY

President of Typographical Union No. 21

Dale Morrow, at Letterman's, and E. L. Walker, who is at Fort Miley, are reported to be responding nicely to treatment.

Jay Palmiter, who is still confined at the French Hospital, shows improvement.

President H. H. Hill and J. P. Olwell of Sacramento were visitors in San Francisco last Sunday.

R. E. Huber of San Jose Union was a visitor in the city this week.

Adolph A. Herzberg of Denver Typographical Union was a visitor at headquarters the first part of the week. Mr. Herzberg is a brother-in-law of Louise Stretton of the "News" chapel, and will visit with her in San Francisco for several weeks. He headed an intensive label campaign which has been carried on by the Denver union for some time. Mrs. Stretton is now recovering from a recent automobile accident, and although still carrying bandages is convalescing nicely.

R. E. Mercer and C. C. Shroder of Stockton union were greeting friends in San Francisco over the week-end.

Victor Myers, chairman of the "Call-Bulletin" chapel, is undergoing treatment at Mills Hospital at San Mateo.

Representative M. A. Hamilton spent Saturday and Sunday in San Francisco. He left on Monday for San Jose, and from there he will return to southern California, where he has been since returning from the Northwest a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Hamilton is now handling the territory of the late Representative Carl Jensen, and aiding several southern unions in negotiations, among them being Glendale and Santa Ana. The Glendale "Star" went daily this week, and he is making final adjustments in that city.

Notice was received this week from the Printers' Home that James A. Bell, who had been admitted from here the first part of February, had vacated on February 24. He left on that date for Tucson, Ariz., where he will be under the care of his mother.

The "Mission Daily Times," a ten-page evening newspaper, made its initial appearance on Wednesday of this week. Composition and press-work will be handled by the Rotary Colorprint Inc., 83 Clementina street. The new paper carries Trans-Radio and United Press service and will be devoted primarily to happenings in the Mission district.

Dennis Gallagher of the "Chronicle" chapel, now resident at the Union Printers' Home, is reported to be in serious condition.

### Call-Bulletins—By "Hoot"

Vic Myers, our chairman, is recovering from an operation in the San Mateo Hospital. Vic was one of those who helped form a quartet at the dance, and gives that as an excuse for the operation. Best wishes from the gang, Vic.

When "Bunny" Forst cannot brag about anything else he tells what a fine golfer his brother Frank is. The printers are all pulling for Frank to take the city championship.

One of our boys was congratulating himself on getting a check from some chap for money he owed, when the phone rang and friend wife put the bee on our pal for just the amount of the check he had received.

One of the gang says lightning can hit twice in the same spot. It happened to him lately when he hit two pools on the same day.

Listened to a quiz program on the air the

other evening and heard a newspaperman cop first prize in the contest. He also won first honors for singing the same evening. Great guys, these printers.

Architects are drawing the plans for the composing room when this paper moves.

### "News" Chapel Notes—By L. L. Heagney

The News Mutual Benefit Society entered March, the month that's supposed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb, with a chunky bank balance and the ability not only to make loans again but the desire to do so; this, too, after dropping the weekly assessment.

Persistently the agent kept after Bill Davis to insure his life. Wearily Bill told him he couldn't afford to. "How much do you earn?" he asked. No hesitation was apparent in Bill's "\$150 a week." "Surely that large amount—" began the agent; "but I don't get it," Bill finished.

A few members of this chapel attended the party celebrating the second anniversary of the founding of Chas. L. Conlan Company, 30 Harriett street, at which Hugh Darling, foreman, was master of ceremonies. Mr. Conlan, in his speech, reviewed the short but prosperous history of the firm and summed up with the audible hope the latter would long endure.

That four-bit fare on the Golden Gate Bridge irked Vince Porrazzo so he "thunk" up a way to save it and make money, too, with another bridge, though it does sound a trifle fragile. Vitamins A and B he fed to his pet spiders until they attained stature and their webs the size of steel cables. On the 1st of April Vince will set them to weaving a new aerial road across the Golden Gate.

Johnny Dow's birthday greeting from his daughter down south was a Los Angeles paper describing a rainstorm in the Bay area. In 120-point type it reported Berkeley deluged, half the town washed away. "I learned about the 'Frisco phobia," she wrote, "since moving down here. Did it even rain?"

Subs are discussing a report that the "News" bid was accepted and it will do the city printing this year.

"I used to read to improve my mind," confided Harry Cross, "but I've concluded it would be quicker to make an opening and send a man in to paper the walls, paint the woodwork and polish the floor."

### Golf News by J. W. C.

It's La Rinconada on March 31. To those members of the Golf Association who were present at the La Rinconada outing of last year, the scheduling of the March tournament again at this fine layout will stir memories of what was unanimously agreed upon as the finest time ever staged by the Union Printers' Golf Association. It was with fear and trembling that the La Rinconada outing of '39 was presented, as it was the first attempt by the members at holding a tournament outside of the local courses, and all were skeptical of whether the tourney would get over or not, but the turnout for that day was so impressive that our out-of-town tournaments were established for all time by that outing. La Rinconada saw the establishing of the first hole-in-one tourney, a feature that has become one of the highlights of each of the monthly get-togethers, and it was also the first real turnout of the various members' wives and families, that has added a great deal to the monthly tournaments, becoming an outing for the whole family.

Situated in the hills near Los Gatos, La Rinconada is one of the sportiest courses in the state, being well-kept at all times and having an appeal for all golfers. Not too long or too exerting, the course presents a variety of golf shots that makes each hole a treat and all players, once they have

been over the layout, find it a swell test of golf. The tournament will be played during the blossoming season in the Santa Clara Valley, and as the course is situated in the foothills a panoramic view of the Santa Clara Valley unfolds itself at every turn. Plan to make the La Rinconada tournament on the 31st of March, as it will be an event that you and all the members of your family will enjoy. Full details will be published in this column at a later date, but reserve the 31st for the Union Printers' Golf Association, and plan to bring the family along. A fine clubhouse with facilities for everything and anything is available, plus a picnic grove situated on the course, and all these features will be at our disposal on the 31st, so don't miss it.

City Championship Highlights: Frank Forst of the "Examiner" chapel provided the local dailies with some hot news over the week-end when he dumped former State Amateur Champ Stuart Hawley out of the city tournament by the margin of 3 and 1. The golf writers are picking Frank as a dark horse, but to all the members of the "Examiner" chapel who have played or watched Frank, he's no dark horse. They all swear he will take them all down the line, bar none, and it's the hope of the members of the association that he will. . . . Harvey Bell of the "News" went nineteen holes to win his initial match in the fifth flight, while Wally Kibbee of the same flight was picking up a win by default. . . . Harvey's golfing partner, Louis Henno, also of the "News," was defeated on the nineteenth hole in his match in the fifteenth flight, while Cy Stright of the "Examiner" and Gale Welch of Crocker's were taking things easy, due to the closing of Sharp Park over last week-end to allow the course to get in shape after the small rain that hit the Bay area last week. . . . Cy and Gale will play their first match this Sunday at Sharp Park, while the rest of the boys will enter the second round at Harding. . . . Elmer Clites of Stockton won his initial match by a one up margin over Trapper Cullen of Lincoln Park. . . . Remember to read your Labor Clarion for golf news, and plan to be present on the 31st.

### REMARKABLE LOCOMOTIVE

Remote control has been installed on a 50-ton storage battery locomotive used by the Kansas City Power and Light Company. The operator directs the unloading of four nine-car trains a day from a master control panel which starts, stops and reverses the locomotive. He stands where he can see that each of the hopper cars is exactly in position for bottom dumping to a conveyor belt.

### TELEGRAPHERS ORGANIZING

The Commercial Telegraphers' Union is pushing organization work among Western Union Telegraph Company employees, and two more charters have recently been issued. The charters were granted to Western Union employees in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Los Angeles, Calif.

### BIG "TAKE" IN RACING TAXES

Sixteen states which have legalized pari-mutuel betting received nearly \$10,000,000 last year in taxes on race track wagers, track and occupational license fees and admission taxes, a survey reveals. More than \$300,000,000 was wagered.

### Death of Captain Fouratt

Funeral services will be held today (Friday) for Captain George M. Fouratt, San Francisco merchant marine officer and national secretary of the Masters, Mates and Pilots of America.

Captain Fouratt, a native of San Francisco, died Tuesday at his home, 1770 Pacific avenue, after a short illness. He was 57.

He leaves a brother and sister, Enos Fouratt and Mrs. George A. Fisher. Funeral services will be held at Gray's chapel at 11 a. m. today.

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## Woman's Auxiliary 21

By MRS. MYRTLE L. SADLER

The officers and members of Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 are proud of the success of our first dance, both socially and financially, and wish to thank every person who helped make the evening such a pleasant one. Space forbids mentioning the name of each individual, but suffice to say guests and members alike contributed their part and the vocal selections by Ione Veghle and Errol Chapple, accompanied by George Nicholls, pianist, were a most enjoyable highlight of the evening. We also acknowledge with gratitude the nice write-ups given by each of the typographical union correspondents in last week's Labor Clarion; they were extremely flattering, so let us again say—many thanks for your hearty co-operation.

March and April have been designated as the months in which to make an intensive drive for new members. Each member should contact one or more eligible ladies and explain just what benefits this organization can provide in addition to the social events given from time to time. With an increased membership and strict adherence on the part of our members to the Woman's International Auxiliary slogan, "Spend union-earned money for union label products and union services," we can do our part in furthering the cause of unionism. Get busy now and help us double our present membership in the next two months. It can be done with very little effort.

San Mateo Woman's Auxiliary is constantly planning new and novel entertainment features which have for their purpose the bringing together of its members in a closer bond of friendship. The latest delightful event was a pot luck dinner given last Monday evening with thirty-five present, including several guests from this auxiliary.

Mrs. E. F. Coleman, one of our charter members, had the misfortune to sprain her ankle the day before the dance. However, the Colemans turned their tickets over to friends, who reported the event one of the most pleasant they have ever attended.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. Selig Olcovich, a member of the executive committee and one of our most tireless workers, is still confined to her home by illness. However, Mr. Olcovich has recently returned to work after a hard two-weeks' battle with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip M. Thomas entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huber of San Jose at a dinner party at Lido's last Sunday evening. Jack and Phil were co-workers in Lincoln, Neb., more than twenty years ago and have maintained a close friendship ever since.

We don't know whether to forgive a certain superintendent, "Jim W.," and one of his co-workers "Ferb H.," who gave as excuses for not attending our dance that they were "nine o'clock boys." We know better, as they are such good sports they would enliven any party. Better come next time.

The regular monthly meeting of the executive committee will be held at the home of Secretary Louise A. Abbott, 859 Castro street, Tuesday, March 12, at 8 p. m.

An international law which is strictly enforced provides that dues must be in the hands of the

international secretary on or before the first day of each quarter in order to protect members' rights and benefits. This law must be followed by our local, and co-operation with Secretary Abbott will be greatly appreciated.

Members wishing to compete in the 4-Star Essay Contest may do so and can enter three of the four essays, each with a grand prize of \$250. Members should be especially interested in Essay No. 4, "Why I Joined a Woman's Auxiliary." Full particulars may be obtained by writing I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer, Union Label Trades Department, A. F. of L., Washington, D. C. Contest closes at midnight May 30, 1940.

### NEW PENSION LAW FOR OREGON

An old-age pension measure providing \$100 monthly to persons over 50 years, payments to be made through a state-owned bank, was launched this week at Salem, Ore. The state bank would be given \$100,000,000 credit and a \$1,000,000 appropriation from the general fund.

### What Price Patriotism?

(St. Louis "Star-Times")

Mrs. Ellwood J. Turner, corresponding secretary of the Daughters of Colonial Wars, wants a social science text book barred from Philadelphia schools on the grounds that the book aims to give children an "unbiased point of view" and is therefore "un-American."

It is just such blind support of the fatherland that has led to the suppression in Germany and Russia of all books save those approved by the government. It is just such a philosophy which destroys perspective and prepares the way for dictators demanding absolute obedience from slave-minded citizens.

American history and government are not so ugly, as Mrs. Turner apparently believes, that children will become unpatriotic through studying them objectively.

## Labor Heads to Attend College of Preachers

Several labor leaders have accepted invitations to attend the Third Annual Conference on Capital and Labor, to be held March 8-10 at the College of Preachers of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Acceptances include John P. Frey, president American Federation of Labor Metal Trades Department; Fred Hewitt, editor "Machinists' Monthly Journal"; Elmer E. Milliman, secretary-treasurer Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees; Frank Morrison, secretary emeritus, A.F.L.; Myles S. Warfield, president Order of Sleeping Car Conductors; James A. Wilson, International Labor Office; Giles B. Courtney, secretary-treasurer Virginia-Carolinas Typographical Conference.

## Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

President Baker delivered an address before the February meeting of Milwaukee Mailers' Union. After Baker's talk the union made the following indorsements: Baker 20, Barrett 30, Randolph 41, Conley 9. Balance of ticket in similar ratio.

Chicago Typographical Union's indorsements: Baker 253, Barrett 326, Randolph 330, Conley 231. Balance of ticket indorsed by good majorities. Practically every large union has indorsed the Progressive ticket.

No mailer items have appeared in the Los Angeles "Citizen" since I.T.U. delegates, including Mailers, were unseated, by order of President Green, from the Central Labor Council.

While the officers of the M.T.D.U. have contributed no articles concerning their activities in the "Typographical Journal," they are anything but inactive in the matter of disbursing the none too large surplus in the M.T.D.U. treasury. From July, 1939, to December 31, 1939, disbursements totaled \$4197.43; cash on hand and on deposit June 30, 1939, including dues for that month, \$6473.31; services and expenses, President Martin, \$300; Secretary-Treasurer Roberts, \$662.30. Convention expenses: Vice-President Glicker, \$525.46; President Martin, \$433.95; Secretary-Treasurer Roberts, \$694.36; recording proceedings, \$10; rewriting proceedings, \$62.76; printing proceedings, \$848.67; telephone and telegraph, \$147.33; printing, stationery and postage, \$113.17; stenographic service, \$105.80; office supplies, \$17.34; exchange, \$8.29; auditing, \$75; donations, \$3; cash on deposit December 31, 1939, \$2275.88. Dues average around \$750 per month.

Like night following day, soon again it will be convention time, when another raid on the treasury may be expected from the executive council of the M.T.D.U., with, as usual, no doubt the approval of its hand-picked convention delegates, while its working members meekly submit to footing the bills from which they derive no benefits. Through the I.T.U., non-affiliated mailer unions derive greater benefits by paying no tax in support of an M.T.D.U.

### GAINS IN RETAIL SALES

The National Retail Credit Association says that an "improvement in employment" was responsible for an increase in store sales and collections in January. Reports from 8372 stores in the United States and Canada showed average advances of 3.8 per cent in total sales, 3.2 per cent in credit sales and 1.9 per cent in collections over January, 1939.

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## S. F. Labor Council

Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 205, Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Headquarters phone, Market 6304.

### Synopsis of Minutes of Meeting Held Friday Evening, March 1, 1940

Meeting called to order at 8:20 p. m. by President Shelley.

**Roll Call of Officers**—All present.

**Reading Minutes**—Approved as printed in Labor Clarion.

**Credentials**—Candy and Confectionery Workers No. 24, Ross Caswell vice Frank Selli; Sailors' Union, Harry Lundberg; Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089, Henry Freedman vice Tom Cartwright; Teamsters No. 85, John Crilley vice William Granucci (deceased); Retail Department Store Employees, Local 1100, Austin Fideff vice Marion Cohn; Jewelry Workers, Local 36, Richard Parino vice Leonard G. Allen; Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union, Local 250, Barney Magnuson, M. J. Rowan, Arthur T. Hare, Al Blumenthal, Matt O. Tobriner, James Murphy, Al Hurson, Fred Peterson and Howard Newbecker; American Guild of Variety Artists, Vic Connors, Max West, Ivan Green, Emil Lowe, Les Allen, Jack Kirkwood, Buddy O'Brien and Michael Lawley; Milk Wagon Drivers' Union, Local 226, Carl S. Barnes replacing William Quinn. Delegates seated.

**Communications**—Filed: Minutes of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council. From Meyer L. Lewis, representing the American Federation of Labor, calling a meeting for Friday, March 1, 1940, at 1:30 p. m. From the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, regarding the reappointment of Dr. Walter Dickie, director of the State Department of Public Health. From the family, the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steamfitters of the United States and Canada, the American Federation of Labor, thanking the Council for its kind expressions of sympathy in the death of Brother John Coefield, international president. From the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 202, resolution requesting all unionists and friends to refrain from signing a petition on the so-called California Labor Relations Act, now being circulated. From the San Francisco Municipal Parks Employees' Union, Local 311, thanking the Council for its efforts in its behalf at the Park Commission. Telegram from William Green, president American Federation of Labor, regarding the status of Meyer L. Lewis. From the Journeymen Barbers' International Union and the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists, Local 148-A, regarding the affiliation of said local. From the Central Labor Council of San Bernardino, in reference to the International Typographical Union. International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 3, opposing the turning over of unemployment relief to county supervisors.

**Bills:** The auditors reported favorably on the bills and same were ordered paid.

**Referred to the Executive Committee:** Grocery Clerks' Local 648, requesting to place on the "We Don't Patronize" list five grocery stores and markets in San Francisco. Wholesale Liquor Drivers and Salesmen No. 109, requesting to place on the "We Don't Patronize" list the firm of Rathjen Brothers. General Warehousemen's Union, Local 860, requesting strike sanction against the Easterday Supply Company, Simonds Saw and Steel Company, Liquid Carbonic Pacific Company, L. S. Blendes Supply Company, Garage and Service Station Employees, Local 665, requesting the placing on the "We Don't Patronize" list the following: Mission Garage, Page & Greninger, Del Rae Garage, Shamrock Garage. Apartment House Employees' Union, Local 14, requesting strike sanction against the Simmons Maintenance Company, the Red and Gray Maintenance Company and the Alex Janitor Service.

**Referred to the Labor Clarion:** Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders, a statement regarding the White Log Coffee Shops and Mannings, Inc.

**Referred to the Secretary for Compliance:** Washington Central Labor Union, requesting an indorsement on House of Representatives Bill 7926, for the Unemployment Compensation Law for the District of Columbia.

**Request Complied With:** Garage and Service Station Employees, Local 665, requesting that the Rowles service stations at Haight and Stanyan, San Jose and Alemany, Tenth and Mission, Tenth and Bryant, Twelfth and Howard and Post and Larkin be removed from the "We Don't Patronize" list. From the Photographers and Allied Crafts No. 21168, removing from the "We Don't Patronize" list the firm of J. K. Piggott and the Scenic Card Company. California State Federation of Labor, requesting the appointment of a committee to attend a meeting at Room 785 Flood Building, Tuesday afternoon, March 5, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the administrative petition known as the California Labor Relations Act.

**Report of Executive Committee (February 19, 1940)**—In the matter of Retail Delivery Drivers No. 278 and their wage scale and agreement. The scale had received the approval of the Joint Coun-

cil of Teamsters and your committee recommends indorsement, subject to the indorsement of the international union. In the matter of Cleaning and Dye House Workers, Local 7, and their complaint against the Bell and Peacock Cleaners, owned and operated by Phil Reiss, this was laid over for one week. In the matter of Apartment House Employees' Union No. 14, asking for strike sanction against Mrs. Lily Levison, owner of the property at 1739 Pine street. It was reported to your committee that this matter had been settled. In the matter of the request of the Federation of Building Service Crafts and their complaint against the Sutor Baths and Ice Rink, this matter was laid over from the previous week and all interested unions were invited to appear. Those represented were Machinists, Building and Construction Trades Council, Engineers, Firemen and Janitors. After a lengthy discussion a motion was adopted to appoint a committee of three to investigate this situation and report back to the committee. In the matter of the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders, submitting copy of the working rules and wage scales of the unions comprising the Local Joint Executive Board for Treasure Island, the Waiters and Waitresses were represented and the schedules called for material changes. Your committee recommends that the Joint Board be notified to put into operation the same schedules that were maintained during the operation of the Fair in 1939. This is in conformity with the agreement existing between the Exposition officials and the two councils of labor. In the matter of the Musicians' Union, Local No. 6, requesting that the Deutscher Musik Verein (or German Band) be placed on the Council's "We Don't Patronize" list; both sides were represented. The basis of this complaint is that they are playing in competition with union music. There was an indication that both parties would get together to bring about an adjustment of this dispute and your committee will hold the matter in abeyance awaiting result of said conference.

**Report of Executive Committee (February 26, 1940)**—In the matter of Retail Delivery Drivers No. 278 and their controversy with the Tomales Bay Creamery, it was reported to the committee that this matter had been settled. In the matter of the Apartment House Employees' Union Local 14, requesting strike sanction against the Tilton Investment Company, F. H. Hesthal & Co., M. Morris and Jim Bradley, a letter was received from Attorney Brown, representing the Hesthal Company. Brother Dreyer was present representing the union. Although notified to appear, no one appeared for the respective companies mentioned. The basis of this complaint is that they are not paying the union scale of wages and their continued refusal to meet with representatives of the union. Your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted. In the matter of Grocery Clerks' Union, Local 648, requesting strike sanction against the Ben Franklin Food Store, 3944 Balboa street, this has been before your committee for some time. Brother Crossler was present representing the union. Your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted on this firm. In the matter of the Twenty-ninth and Judah Market, and the request of the same union for strike sanction, this will be held in committee at the request of the organization. In the matter of Production Machine Operators, Local 1327, asking that the Simonds Saw and Steel Company be placed on the Council's "We Don't Patronize" list, representatives of the firm and the unions involved were present. After hearing all parties in interest an arrangement was arrived at that the representatives would get together and hold a conference for the purpose of bringing about an adjustment. Your committee will hold the matter in abeyance awaiting the result of said conference. In the matter of the request of the American Guild of Actors and Variety Artists that the "Chez Paree" night club be placed on the Council's "We Don't Patronize" list. The basis of this complaint is the employment of non-union acts. The Local Joint Board was represented by Brothers Petini and Jay; Actors, Brothers O'Brien and Connors; Musicians, Brother Hubbard. Mr. Ritchley represented the firm. There was an indication that all parties involved would get together in an attempt to adjust the present differences. Your committee will hold this in abeyance awaiting the result of said conference. In the matter of Cleaning and Dye House Workers, Local 7, asking that Mr. Phil Reiss and his attorney, Mr. Dienstag, be asked to clear up some differences existing regarding their contract. The firm was represented by Mr. Reiss and Mr. Dienstag; Local 7 by Brother Mathews, Sisters Rice and Cohan, and the union's attorney, Mr. Charles Geary; Laundry Workers No. 26 was represented by Brother Palacios. The basis of this complaint is the violation of the working agreement between the Bell Cleaners, Peacock Cleaners and the union, also the discharge of union members and their replacement with non-union people. There is an indication that the representatives on both sides will get together and discuss matters in controversy, to the end that an agreement can be reached. Your committee will hold this in abeyance, awaiting result of said conference. The secretary was instructed to draft resolutions on the deaths of Brother La Force of the Engineers and Brother Arnold Buchner of the Brewery Drivers, Local 227.

**Report of Law and Legislative Committee**—A joint resolution was submitted by Retail Cigar

and Liquor Clerks No. 1089 and Warehousemen's Union, Local 860, regarding the cigarette tax. It was stated that in the twenty-six states now having the cigarette tax sales have dropped 30 per cent to 40 per cent, with a proportional drop in the employment of workers in the affected industry. There was no opposition to the resolution and your committee, by motion, rescinded the action taken at its last meeting and recommended the concurrence and adoption of the above-mentioned resolution. The matter submitted by George Richardson, secretary-treasurer of the International Fire Fighters, was taken up by your committee. After considering all of the aspects of the case, it was moved and seconded that the matter be referred to the organizing committee (which is the proper body for handling the question involved), and the members of that committee notified to be present next Friday night, March 8, at 7 o'clock, as well as George Richardson and the representatives of the David Scannell Club, Inc. The resolution by J. Don Walsh of the Governor's Committee on Health Insurance, submitted to the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders, and by them referred to the Council and your committee, was considered. As the subject matter in this resolution is of extreme importance to the community at large and particularly to wage earners, it was decided to hold this matter over for further study.

Dr. Walter Koch of the State Board of Health addressed the Council, explaining the establishment of a clinic by the State Board of Health for the examination of syphilis, and requesting the Council to appoint a committee of five to co-operate with the State Board of Health. His remarks were very well received by the Council and the president assured him of all the co-operation possible.

**Constitution and By-Laws Committee**—In the matter of the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws, it was moved and seconded that this report be postponed for one week, to be made a special order of business for next meeting of the Council at 9 p. m.

Moved, seconded and carried that when we adjourn, we do so out of respect to Brothers Arnold Buchner and J. H. La Force.

**Receipts, \$376.27; expenses, \$1575.21.**

Council adjourned at 10:20 p. m.

Fraternal submitted.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

## Buzzell Is Cleared

The Los Angeles grand jury last week refused to vote indictments against J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the American Federation of Labor Central Labor Council, and Walter A. Smith. Smith's car knocked down Charles M. Daneri, a pedestrian, and Buzzell's car ran over the prostrate man. Daneri was killed.

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## Operating Engineers Receive Wage Increase

On Friday, March 1, 1940, Judge Walter Perry Johnson handed down an arbitration award granting wage increases of from \$11 to \$15 a month to all members of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Locals 64 and 64B, employed in all of San Francisco's major hotels. The award, running to June 30, 1940, affects approximately eighty operating engineers.

The increases of approximately 8 per cent in all classifications were made retroactive to November 20, 1939, the date of commencement of arbitration proceedings.

William Speers, business representative, and H. L. Kelley, assistant business representative of Locals 64 and 64B, served as the union members of the arbitration board. H. P. Melnikow and Roland C. Davis of the Pacific Coast Labor Bureau appeared for the union.

In his opinion accompanying the award Judge Johnson said: "The ordinary employee is neither a partner nor a joint venturer in the business; and the contingencies giving rise to resultant gains or losses of the management are not to have controlling weight in the adoption of minimum standards of reasonable wages. . . . However revolutionary such declarations may have seemed in 1918, they have now been accepted as axiomatic in a compendium of labor relations."

## Resolutions—In Memoriam

J. H. La Force

Whereas, The organized labor movement suffered a great loss in the death of J. H. La Force, representative of the Steam Shovel and Dredge-men and Operating Engineers No. 3, after many years of devoted service. Brother La Force was noted for his conscientious conduct and excellent character, his sympathetic and considerate alertness for the progress of his craft and the influence and advancement of the interests of organized labor. He became a symbol of the trustworthiness and dependability of organized labor in industrial affairs, doing his full duty in every case and ex-

hibiting firm adherence to the principles of organized labor; therefore be it

Resolved, That the San Francisco Labor Council honors the memory of J. H. La Force and deeply mourns his loss, and that we tender deepest sympathy and condolences to his bereaved family and his many devoted friends.

We further Resolve, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the International Union of Operating Engineers and to the family of the deceased.

(Signed) JOHN F. SHELLEY, President.

Attest: SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL, by JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

Arnold B. Buchner

Whereas, Arnold B. Buchner, member of the Brewery Drivers' Union, Local 227, for thirty years a notable character and leader in the Brewery Drivers' Union, Local 227, has ceased his labors and has been laid to his final rest.

Whereas, All of labor has lost one of its noteworthy men—a man of integrity and reliability, a man of his word and who could be depended on, who year after year plodded and worked for the success of labor. His was a useful life, and he contributed much for the betterment of the labor movement and the advancement of those who toil.

Whereas, Labor is honored in the passing of such men and has the right to claim a part of the greater intelligence guiding it toward a better future, an end devoutly desired and wished for at times like these, when the passing of our stalwarts in the labor movement remind us of what we shall have to do to make this a better world in which to live; therefore be it

Resolved, That we honor the memory of Arnold B. Buchner, the representative of the Brewery Drivers' Union, Local 227, for the great contribution that he made to the labor movement; be it further

Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brewery Drivers' Local 227, to the International Union and to the family of the deceased.

(Signed) JOHN F. SHELLEY, President.

Attest: SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL, by JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

## Poultry and Egg Union And Employers Agree

Settlement of all issues that had threatened a northern California poultry and egg strike was announced last week, following a day of conferences between poultry producers and officials of the Butchers' Union.

Methods of negotiating new agreements and disposing of problems created by an independent egg and poultry union at Santa Rosa were decided at a meeting held in the offices of the San Francisco Employers' Council.

This meeting took place after an earlier parley in the offices of Mayor Rossi, who intervened in the situation. The mayor conferred with the parties for two hours, asking them to settle their problems by negotiation.

At the end of the final conference Milton Maxwell, vice-president of the International Butchers' Union, disclosed that the union and the producers had agreed to work out mechanics of a master contract within ten days, and details of wage, hours and working conditions within thirty days.

The dispute between the Butchers' Union and the Santa Rosa independent union was left to the decision of the regional office of the National Labor Relations Board, which now has the case before it.

The settlement sends several hundred poultry and egg workers affiliated with the Butchers' Union back to work at Santa Rosa and Petaluma and prevents the walkout of 1200 others.

Producers conceded payment of retroactive pay to Santa Rosa workers, one of the issues in the original strike in the state's egg basket, Maxwell said.

In the master contract the Butchers' Union is to be recognized as the exclusive bargaining agent for all egg and poultry workers, according to Maxwell.

## RUSSELL I. WISLER AROUND AGAIN

Russell I. Wisler, the commercial printer, who has been confined to his home by illness for several weeks, was making his rounds among the union offices again this week, apparently in good condition and as active as ever.

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## "We Don't Patronize" List

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of labor unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it:

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American Distributing Company.  
Austin Studio, 833 Market.  
Becker Distributing Company.  
B & G Sandwich Shops.  
Beauty Shops at 133 Geary (except Isabelle Salon de Beaute).  
Candid Camera Photo Service, 776 Clementina.  
Curtis Publishing Co., publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."  
Dial Radio Shop, 1955 Post.  
Drake Cleaners and Dyers.  
Duchess Sandwich Shop, 1438 California.  
Faix Manufacturing Company, 1356 Harrison street.  
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.  
Golden State Bakery, 1840 Polk.  
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workingmen's clothing.  
Hastings Clothing Stores.  
Howard Automobile Company.  
John Breuner Company.  
Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company.  
L. C. Smith Typewriter Company, 545 Market.  
MacFarlane Candy Stores.

Magazines "Time" and "Life," products of the unfair Donnelley firm.

M. R. C. Roller Bearing Company, 550 Polk.  
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.  
Navlett Seed Company, 423 Market.  
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.  
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.  
People's Furniture Company.  
Purity Springs Water Company, 2050 Kearny.  
Remington-Rand Inc., 509 Market.  
Riggs Optical Company, Flood Building.  
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.  
Serv-Well Grocery, 595 Ellis.  
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.  
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.  
Standard Oil Company.  
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.  
Swift & Co.  
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.  
W. & J. Sloane.  
Woodstock Typewriter Company, 21 Second.  
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.

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Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.  
Beauty shops that do not display the shop card of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.  
Cleaning establishments that do not display the shop card of Retail Cleaners' Union, Local No. 93, are unfair.



## Bookbinders' Union Wins Court Ruling

The Supreme Court of New York State, speaking through Mr. Justice McGoldrick, recently handed down a decision of importance to all labor unions.

The plaintiff was Bindery Women's Union, Local 66, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, whose president is John B. Haggerty. The defendants were the Allied Printing Trades Council of Greater New York and the Bindery Women's Union, Local 43 of New York, an expelled local of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders.

Although Local 43 was no longer a member of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, it was permitted membership in the Allied Printing Trades Council, thus giving the expelled union a distinct advantage over the duly chartered Local 66.

The point in controversy was whether ex-Local 43 had a right to be a member of the Allied Printing Trades Council of Greater New York, and, as such, have the Allied Printing Trades label identify the product of the labor of its members. The Supreme Court of the State of New York held that ex-Local 43 had no right to be a member of the Allied Printing Trades Council, and, as such, have the Allied Printing Trades label used by its members.

In addition the Supreme Court held that the Allied Printing Trades Council and the expelled local wrongfully prevented members of Local 66 from obtaining employment in the printing shops in the City of New York which desire to use the Allied Printing Trades Council label.

Goldstein & Goldstein of New York City, counsel for Local 66, made the following comment on the Supreme Court's ruling:

"The court's decision, summarized, is to the effect that local bodies of a labor organization must obey the lawful direction of its parent body, and any other local body injured by a refusal to obey such direction can obtain from the courts an injunction compelling compliance."

### CHICAGO LABOR HOUSE-CLEANING

A local of the Chicago Retail Clerks' Union whose activities have been identified with acts of terrorism has been dropped from the Chicago Federation of Labor, it was learned last week. Federation leaders would not comment, but it was reported that the action indicated the start of a general house-cleaning of labor in Chicago, says a special to a local newspaper. Dropping of the union followed complaints that union leaders conducted a campaign of intimidation against members of the newly-formed demonstrators' union.

### COTTON SALES INCREASE

January cotton sales in the United States amounted to 1,756,771 bales, an increase of 261,356 bales over the previous month.

## Few Convict Cooks

The Sacramento "Bee" reports that one of the principal reasons for recent riots in San Quentin, California's big penitentiary, is the fact that not enough cooks are serving time in prison.

Hugo Ernst, general secretary-treasurer of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance, in commenting upon the scarcity of cooks among convicts, gloatingly expressed satisfaction upon this situation when interviewed at his office in Cincinnati.

Ernst says that his nearby local unions can supply any number of competent cooks and respectfully suggests to the prison authorities that competent cooks are generally more satisfactory than crooked cooks.

## Labor's Purchasing Power

On Monday, March 11, I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer, Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, will speak on "Labor's Purchasing Power" over the National Broadcasting Company's Blue network from 9:30 to 9:45 p. m., E.S.T.

The Union Label Trades Department urges all members of organized labor and their friends to listen in on this broadcast. If possible, read this announcement to all labor meetings.

## Teamsters' Joint Council

The annual election of Teamsters' Joint Executive Council No. 7 was held on Monday, March 4, when the following officers were elected:

President, John P. McLaughlin; vice-president, Charles Real; secretary, Stephen F. Gilligan; financial secretary, Walter P. Otto; trustees, Thomas White, Dan Coleman and Ken Flagg.

All of those chosen were incumbents except Dan Coleman and Ken Flagg, who were elected to fill vacancies. There was no competition for any office.

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